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## **COAST GUARD STATION COMMISSIONED AT ANDROTH, LAKSHADWEEP**

A new Coast Guard Station was commissioned on 12 Apr 12 at Androth Island in Lakshadweep. The station named Indian Coast Guard Station (ICGS) Androth was commissioned by Vice Admiral KN Sushil, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief Southern Naval Command. The CG already operates two stations in the Lakshadweep Islands – one at Kavaratti, where District Headquarters No 12 is established and at second at Minicoy, both of which were commissioned by Shri AK Antony, Defence Minister in December 2010.

In his address during the commissioning ceremony, Vice Admiral KN Sushil, dwelt upon the need for continuing coordination and synergy between various stakeholders involved in maritime and coastal security. Vice Admiral MP Muralidharan, Director General Indian Coast Guard highlighted the several far-reaching initiatives taken by the Coast Guard to augment man power and force levels to meet existing and future challenges. Setting up of Stations at strategically important locations, such as this, would provide requisite fillip to coastal security efforts, he stated.

ICGS Androth will function under Coast Guard District headquarters No 12. Indian Coast Guard is also in the process of setting up a chain of static sensors with Automatic Identification System along the entire coastline of the country to enable effective monitoring of shipping and fishing traffic. An Air Station of the Indian Coast Guard is also on the anvil at Minicoy.

Commandant P Shyam Kumar is the Commanding Officer of the CG Station which has a complement of 47 Coast Guard personnel.